

RULE 120. DEFINITIONS

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JUVENILE is a person who has attained ten years of age and is not yet twenty-one years of age who is alleged to have, upon or after the juvenile's tenth birthday, committed a delinquent act before reaching eighteen years of age.

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COMMENT

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A "juvenile" must be at least ten years old and must not have reached the age of eighteen at the time of the commission of a delinquent act for a delinquency petition to be filed. If a child is under the age of ten at the time of the commission of a delinquent act, a dependency petition may be filed pursuant to Pa.R.J.C.P. 1100 *et seq.* and the Juvenile Act, 42 Pa. C.S. § 6301 *et seq.*

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Official Note:

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Amended September 7, 2011, effective immediately.

Committee Explanatory Reports:

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Final Report explaining the amendments to Rule 120 published with the Court's Order at 41 Pa.B. - (-).